

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 2
INCIDENT NO. 96-99
FINAL REPORT**

DATE: August 6, 1996

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Severe summer storms, bringing heavy rain, damaging winds and large hail, entered the state July 27 and are continuing.

2. DEATH AND INJURIES: None.

3. DAMAGE: KEM Rural Electric Cooperative officials reported that the company lost four transmission poles and eight distribution poles as a result of 88-miles per hour (mph) winds on August 3. KEM Electric serves the rural area of Emmons, Kidder, Logan, and McIntosh Counties. At one point, KEM Electric experienced total power outage. In one instance, the utility relocated one-quarter mile of power line because winds toppled an entire tree grove onto the power line. The major problem confronting the utility was debris on power lines. The utility is continuing to assess damages.

In Emmons County, up to 3.5 inches of rain fell on August 2 resulting in gravel wash on 30 township and county roads, and four culverts washed out. Flood waters also washed out the south lane of N.D. Highway 13, approximately three miles west of Linton.

Seaman Park in Linton was closed to the public after storms on August 2-3 uprooted more than 100 trees that were 18 inches or thicker in diameter. The Emmons County Extension Service recorded winds up to 55 mph on August 2 and up to 88 mph on August 3.

Kidder County officials report wind damages throughout the county during the August 3 storm, including damaged barns and farm equipment, tree debris, broken windows, and a damaged airplane.

The August 2-3 storm system also dumped heavy rain in Logan and McIntosh Counties, where soils already are saturated.

On August 4, storms in Stutsman County generated two tornadoes and four funnel clouds. The storm was accompanied by strong winds, rain and pea-sized hail. Recent heavy rain throughout the Spiritwood Lake Basin has contributed to a two-inch rise in the lake. The lake level was recorded at 1,435.99 feet MSL on August 5.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from the previous report.

STATE: No change from the previous report.

FEDERAL: No change from previous report.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: None were reported.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Members of the Linton Fire Department removed downed trees while crews from Montana Dakota Utilities and KEM Rural Electric removed debris from downed power lines.

Emmons County road crews are repairing 30 damaged road sites. The N.D. Department of Transportation repaired the washout on N.D. Highway 13.

The Logan County Sheriff on August 3 temporarily sheltered campers who were attending a class reunion at the Napoleon park.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: None at this time.

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Douglas C. Friez, State Director